**AP U. S. Government & Politics**

Free-Response question 25 minutes

Directions:

Answer the following questions below in an organized free-response. Be sure to respond to ALL parts of the question and be as specific as possible. Responses should be limited to this side of the page and the opposite side of this page.

As a student participating in AP US Government this year:

1. Identify who you are (include your name, your prior experience with AP courses, the number of AP classes you are taking this year, and why you took AP US Government).
2. Describe both a short term (for the school year) and a long term goal (for your future.)
3. Explain who was influential in shaping your public opinions and overall interest in politics.

 1. Cite a current event which you summarized as part of your summer assignment.

 2. Evaluate why this issue is important today in the United States.

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